

THROUGHOUT SOUTH CAROLINA.

Current Events in the Palmetto State Laconically Recorded.

—Florence has increased its city school tax from two and a half to three mills.

—Several cases of smallpox are reported in Abbeville County, near the Anderson line.

—The Associate Reformed Presbyterians of Columbia laid the cornerstone of their church building, the other day.

—Mr. W. V. Hagood, of the Cypress section of Lee County, is reported to have the finest tobacco in that section, some measuring 18 inches across.

—Over one hundred cases of measles are reported among the Abbeville cotton mill people—mostly among the old folks. The disease is severe.

—A. W. Jones, of Abbeville, Mr. Clyburn, of Lancaster, and Lawrence Walker, of Greenville, are out for Comptroller. Derham will not run.

—Rev. Waddy H. Hudson, a Presbyterian missionary to China, is visiting his father, W. A. Hudson, in Greenville, after an absence of eight years.

—A lively brood of young men are running for the soldierly office of Adjutant and Inspector General—and one old boy who fought for the Confederacy.

—The commencement exercises of Wofford College, Spartanburg, will be held June 7th to 10th. The venerable President Carlisle will deliver the annual address.

—Lancaster County pays into the State treasury for taxes about \$10,000 and receives \$6,300 pension money and \$6,000 dispensary money, thus coming out ahead of the game.

—The friends of Chief Justice Melver everywhere will be glad to learn that there has been no change for the worse in his condition since his return from Baltimore, some weeks ago.

—J. W. Holden, a Lancaster farmer, had a terrible encounter with a coachwhip snake, the other day, which he finally succeeded in killing. The reptile measured 7 feet and 2 inches.

—The bill providing for the bridging of the Savannah River at Augusta by the Seaboard Air Line has passed both houses of Congress. The road is to be built at once from Augusta to Charleston.

—It is now a certainty that Orangeburg will get a new railroad passenger depot. The Southern officials announce that the work of construction will positively begin within the next thirty or sixty days.

—A swindler, claiming to be a member of a large firm in Philadelphia, has swindled several farmers near Lake City out of their strawberry crop, giving them in exchange bogus checks on a New Jersey bank.

—Editor Hugh Wilson, of the Abbeville Press and Banner, treated the force of printers in his office to a free trip to Charleston on Wagener day. The party consisted of four young ladies and four young men.

—Miss Annie Carroll, who was injured by falling off the Charleston and Seaboard Railroad Company's wharf at Mt. Pleasant, has been given a verdict for \$3,000 in a suit for damages brought in Orangeburg County.

—Memorial day will no more be celebrated on May 10 in this state. At the Confederate reunion at Dallas it was decided to have a day that all Southern states would observe at the same time, and June 3 was made the date. Georgia was excepted, and will still celebrate April 26.

—Florence Burns, the young woman of New York, who was recently arrested and had a hearing before the coroner's jury on the charge of murdering her sweetheart, Walter L. Brooks, has determined to shake the dust of wicked Gotham from her feet and take up her residence in Charleston.

—Gen. John B. Gordon, commanding the United Confederate Veterans, announces the appointment of Major General T. W. Carville, of Edgefield, to command the South Carolina Division, to succeed Gen. C. I. Walker, who has succeeded the late Gen. Wade Hampton as lieutenant general.

—Ed Owings, a Columbia negro, died, and in the settlement of his estate his wife, who is a white woman, claimed a homestead. The court decided against her on the ground that she was unlawfully married to a negro. This couple moved from Ekom, Laurens County, about the year 1863.

—The contract for putting in the sewerage system for the city of Anderson has been awarded to George O. Terry, of Spartanburg, for \$24,200. Montague & Co., of Chattanooga, got the contract for furnishing the piping for \$10,250. The work will be well under way within a month, and it is hoped to have it all completed within six or eight months. There will be twelve miles of sewers.

—A United States civil service examination will be held in Greenville on June 17-18 for the position of assistant examiner in the patent office. Age limit 20 years or more. From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that a number of appointments will be made to the position of assistant examiner in the patent office at a salary of \$1,200 per annum and to other similar vacancies as they may occur.

—Columbia was visited by a fake organizer a few days ago, and after accomplishing his mission he left for parts unknown. The man gave his name as F. S. Aikman, and he claimed the authority to organize a lodge of the Knights of the Golden Horse Shoe. The lodge was instituted, and those who were "initiated" their \$6 will be like a stone in a bucket. The lodge can be recognized, as it is alleged that the gay Mr. Aikman gobbled up the funds and left for cooler climes.

—Alderman R. G. Rhett, of Charleston, has gone to Baltimore, to confer with President Walters of the Atlantic Coast Line relative to the removal of the head offices of that system to Charleston. A resolution was passed by City Council the other night providing for the appointment of a committee to confer with the officials of this road and Alderman Rhett is the advance guard of this committee.

—Ninety-Six is soon to have a cotton mill, with a capital stock of \$50,000.

—Several people in Camden felt a slight earthquake shock Saturday morning, between 9 and 10 o'clock.

—Work on a new union passenger station at Greenwood will soon be commenced. The structure is to cost \$8,000.

—The graves of the Federal soldiers in the national cemetery at Florence were decorated Friday, May 30, under the auspices of the Blue and Grey Memorial Association.

—The name of Col. Willie Jones, of Columbia, who commanded the Second regiment during the war with Spain, is now prominently spoken of for United States Senator.

—The attendance at the Florence graded schools during the year just closed was a great deal larger than in any previous year, and the schools are in excellent condition.

—The Charleston and Western Carolina and the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad companies will jointly build a commodious new freight depot at Laurens, at a cost of about \$15,000. Work will begin June 1.

—Young Ralph Pennell, son of J. R. Pennell, of Martin Township, Anderson County, has successfully stood the examination for entrance into West Point Military Academy and has been ordered to report there on June 15.

—By an act of the last Legislature, the county boards of control hold their meeting monthly, and the dispensers are required to report their profits monthly, instead of quarterly as heretofore. The profits are then equally divided between the city and county and are turned over on the fourth Monday in the month following.

—The Kershaw Era is responsible for a story to the effect that during a thunder storm a hoe hanging in a tree in the yard in rear of the Methodist parsonage was struck by lightning and about half of the handle was split off lengthwise, the part torn off being split into splinters. The tree was untouched.

—Columbia is to have a second skyscraper, and a very handsome one, situated diagonally across the street from the Robertson 12-story structure about to be built. This second one will be seven stories high, showing six above the ground, and will be of granite. It will be the home of the Carolina National Bank and will occupy the site formerly occupied by the city hall.

—The Postal Telegraph Company will build a line to and establish an office at Waltham.

—Dispensary constable captured 20 kegs of contraband liquor in Columbia a few days ago.

—The Presbyterians of Union will build a new and handsome church edifice in the near future. They have recently renovated the manse.

—The stands of cotton in Clarendon County never were better at this season of the year and the farmers are cheerful over the prospects for a crop.

—Mr. Platt, formerly boss of the card and spinning room of the Middleburg mill, at Batesburg, has been promoted to the superintendency of that mill.

—Rain is needed in Abbeville County, and some of the crops are suffering from the dry weather. Very little rain has fallen in that section for several weeks.

—Col. John T. Sloan, of Columbia, is again a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Jim Tillman defeated him for the same place two years ago by a very small vote.

—Col. James A. Hoyt denies the Washington rumor that he would be a candidate for the United States Senate, and declares he has no idea of ever again seeking political honors.

—The railroad property of the State has been assessed more than a million dollars more than last year. This should help eventually in decreasing the annual levy for general purposes.

—The Augusta and Aiken trolley line promises now to be completed before many more days, and the Augusta people will not have to wait much longer to take a pleasant ride to Aiken.

—W. J. Bradley, a Lee County soldier, who has been seen service in the Philippine Islands, in Troop H, Third United States Cavalry, is among home folks, on a discharge granted him about two months ago.

—J. E. Whitteer, from the Lory mills at Gaston, N. C., has accepted the position of overseer of weaving in the Bamberg cotton mills. He succeeds W. T. Fancett, who has accepted a position in Augusta.

—In the court at Kingstree Harry Brown was tried for killing Hilary Holleman, his brother-in-law, a few days ago, while returning from Kingstree to Greeleyville. The evidence was conflicting and the jury failed to agree.

—A school of high grade is to be established and conducted at Pendleton by the Presbyterian Church. The South Carolina Synod's agent will at once begin the canvass for funds, and it is hoped to have the school open by September 15.

—The city council of Charleston has determined to purchase the Charleston Jockey Club tract, on the Exposition grounds, for a suburban park. The tract covers 70 acres of high land and 20 acres of marsh land, and the price to be paid is \$32,500.

—The announcement has at last been positively made that an electric railway line is to be constructed from Columbia to Lexington C. H. The capital stock will be \$100,000. The length of the road will be 12 miles. A charter has been applied for. The money is in sight.

—A lyceum bureau, to be operated under the Alkathes Lyceum of Atlanta, has been organized in Manning, about 75 gentlemen having pledged their support. This secures and guarantees at least five leading attractions for the town during the fall and winter months.

—The Manning Farmer says that the executors of the estate of the late M. Levi are preparing to build two brick stores between the stores of Louis Levi and Dr. Brockington. The town is going steadily forward, new buildings going up in every quarter. Manning has developed much in the past ten years, and the next ten will witness greater improvements than ever.

—The annual inspection of the Florence fire department will be held on June 10, and the boys are anticipating a good time after the inspection, when the new chief will be installed.

—The Knights of Pythias of Columbia intend erecting a three-story granite building on Main street, to cost not less than \$15,000 or \$20,000. There are over 600 Knights in the city, comprising four lodges.

—Half crazed with mean whiskey and jealousy, Bill Simmons, a Charleston negro, killed his wife, Josephine, and then seriously wounded himself in a determined effort to end his own career. A pistol was the weapon used. Simmons is in jail.

—In the State Court at Orangeburg Judge Gage filed an order granting a new trial in the case of Miss Annie B. Carroll against the Charleston Consolidated Railway Company unless the defendant will agree to reduce the verdict from \$9,000 to \$6,000.

—Congressman Scarborough telegraphs the Florence Times from Washington that he has had the appropriation for the Florence public building restored to \$100,000, it having been cut down to \$50,000. The bill has finally passed both houses of Congress.

—The Tennessee Central Railroad has announced that the contract for building the line between Nashville and Clarksville has been awarded to W. J. Oliver & Co., of Langley, S. C., and that it amounted to nearly \$1,000,000.

—Miss Corinne Searson, one time editor of the Allendale Pen and Press, and for the past two years teacher in the public school at Allendale, has been invited to deliver the alumni address at Limestone College commencement this year, and has accepted.

—Anderson is to have still another big cotton mill. D. P. McCrayer, president of the Riverside mills, is at the head of the new enterprise, and will apply for a commission in a few days and go to work at once. The capital stock will be \$200,000 or \$300,000.

—The body of a young white child, apparently a day or two old, was found, the other day in a shaft of the old Stumphouse tunnel, near Walhalla. As the result of the investigation by the coroner, Mrs. Amanda Gilbert, 60 years old, and her daughter, Emma, aged 33, are now in jail.

—According to the nineteenth annual readjustment of salaries of postmasters announced by the postoffice department, the following changes have been made affecting South Carolina postmasters: Aiken, \$1,800 to \$1,900; Cheraw, \$1,300 to \$1,200; Darlington, \$1,700 to \$1,800; Greenville, \$2,500 to \$2,600; Laurens, \$1,600 to \$1,700.

—In the Greenville Court of General Sessions, in the case of David Belcher and John Ballenger, charged with assault and battery, the jury found a verdict of "guilty of assault," as to David Belcher. Judge Gary, the presiding Judge, ruled that the court had no jurisdiction over such an offence, and upon motion of Solicitor Boggs the defendant was ordered dismissed from custody.

—Joel Covington, a highly respected farmer of Marlboro, aged 73 years, and his wife, aged 65, have erected monuments in the Hebron Cemetery to themselves. The future tombs are covered with broad, thick marble slabs. Some time in July he proposes to have an "unveiling of the monuments," and has invited his friends, Col. T. C. Hamer and J. P. Gibson, to deliver the memorial addresses. Thousands of persons are expected to be in attendance.

—Two young Georgetown negroes quarreled, the other day, over escorting a girl from a meeting, and when one of them got the worst of it one of his friends suggested that he shoot his opponent, as he was armed. No sooner said than done, and the pistol bullet bored a hole through the other's stomach near the navel, from the effects of which the wounded man died in a day or two. The murderer fled, but in a day or two he surrendered to the sheriff.

—Vessels and fishermen coming into Charleston report much volcanic matter along the coast and about the sea islands. The matter resembles coke in both color and form, with the exception that there are streaks of layers of a grayish substance, supposed to be lava, and a chocolate color substance, probably meteoric iron, through the carbon lumps. The streaks have the appearance of having been in a molten state. The substance is very brittle and floats on the surface of the water.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

The President Names New Men for Charleston and Sumter.

The Washington correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier, under date of May 28, wires as follows: President Roosevelt gave the South Carolina Republican organization another political shock today when he appointed W. L. Harris postmaster at Charleston. Harris is from Ohio, but has been in Charleston about a year as an agent of the pension office, prosecuting claims for pensions. He is considered an able political organizer and stands in with Senator McLaurin and United States Attorney Capers, who is distributor of the Federal patronage in South Carolina. Mr. Harris married a South Carolina lady, the cousin of Major Micah Jenkins, who received a sword from President Roosevelt when the latter visited Charleston. With a view to declaring his right to citizenship in South Carolina, under certain contingencies, Harris purchased a piece of land, so that his sponsors now claim that he is a taxpayer and also a citizen of the State. His appointment was a great surprise to the old-line Republicans in the Palmetto State.

The President also sent to the Senate today the nomination of George D. Shore to be postmaster at Sumter.

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The Lincoln School Commencement.

The closing exercises of Lincoln Graded School (colored) were held in the Opera House last Friday night, with a large audience present.

The exercises were interesting and highly creditable to the principal and teachers of the school. The music was good and the essays by members of the graduating class well written and excellently delivered. The school is doing thorough and lasting work, both in the class rooms, where the groundwork of an English education is permanently laid, and in the industrial department, where the children are taught by practice work useful trades. The industrial department has been in existence but one year, but even in that short period the department has accomplished a great deal more than was hoped for.

The address was delivered by Rev. J. C. Martin, pastor of Emmanuel Methodist Church. It was brief but to the point, and concisely and clearly stated many practical truths in a way that challenged attention. The suggestions and good advice given to the school children, if followed in everyday life, would result in the uplifting and moral and industrial improvement of the negro race.

The programme was as follows:

Music.

Invocation—Rev. J. E. Harmon.

Song by the school—America.

Outline of work in sewing department—Delia Davis.

Song by school girls—Anvil chorus.

Outline of work in carpentry department—J. McKenzie Harrison.

Awarding prizes for penmanship—Rev. J. C. Williams.

Solo—By the Dreamy Susquehanna Long Ago—Lottie Stoney.

The Age in Which We Live—Jerry David Dixon.

The Nobility of Labor—Rosa E. Lowery.

Instrumental Duet—Mrs. J. E. Jacobs and Mr. Pinckney.

Awarding first honor medal, Jerry David Dixon—Maj. Marion Moise.

Chorus—Over the Meadow Fair.

Step by Step Till We Reach the Summit—Rosa N. Jones.

Duet—Cup of Woe—Miss Stoney and Mr. Levan.

Industrial Education—Hattie A. Beasley.

Chorus by school girls—Italia, Italia, Beloved.

Awarding second honor prize, by Rev. C. C. Jacob—Hattie Annette Beasley.

Solo—King of the Forest Am I—Mr. B. W. Levan.

Annual address—Rev. J. C. Martin.

Duet—Miss Harrison and Mr. Jones.

Presentation of certificates—Mr. Neill O'Donnell.

Chorus—Night Birds Whisper.

Class of 1902—Josephine Vertania Baker, Hattie Annette Beasley, Jerry David Dixon, Selina Johnna Edwards, Rosa May Harrison, Rosa Naomi Jones, Rosabell Elveta Lowery, Robert Muller Smart, James Eugene Sumter; Marie Maria Thomas.

FLAME AND SMOKE.

Mont Pelee Again Terrifying the Martinique Survivors.

A dispatch from Fort de France, Martinique, dated May 28, 9 p. m., says: Mont Pelee is again in eruption. Huge black clouds are rolling over Fort de France in great masses, in which there are peculiar lightning flashes. The inhabitants are now flocking into the great square of the town. If the demonstration increases a panic is imminent. A very heavy surf has been beating on the shore for the last two hours, and an enormous grayish yellow cloud, at a great height, is dimly visible in the direction of Mont Pelee. The night is intensely dark, and the stars are only faintly visible.

Fort de France is in no danger from the volcano, but there is considerable apprehension of a panic in the night time should the grayish yellow cloud reach here and ashes and stones begin to fall. There are no noises from the volcano at present.

For the space of one hour flames rose from the crater to a height of 150 metres. The crater seemed to be about 300 metres in diameter.

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Fighting in Savannah.

The white county primaries in Savannah, Thursday, for representatives to the legislature and county offices were attended by severe fighting between the opposing factions at the court house. Several people were injured but nobody was killed. Ishmael Carter and Sam Davis, an ex-policeman, had their heads cut open with clubs. Alex. Butler was shot in the shoulder and John Marhen was arrested, charged with the shooting.

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The Virginia Constitutional Convention, by a vote of 48 to 38, has decided that the new Constitution shall be proclaimed, without submitting it to the popular vote.

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THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Big Prizes For Firemen to Win—The Official Programme.

The arrangements for the Firemen's Tournament on June 25th and 26th are going forward in the most satisfactory manner possible. The committees appointed to take charge of the different features of the affair have been enthusiastically at work and the arrangements are now practically completed. The programme has been arranged and the rules governing the contests adopted and the prizes agreed upon.

All that remains to be done is to advertise the Tournament and arouse the interest of the firemen of other places. Already much interest has been evinced in the Game Cock Firemen's Tournament and quite a number of teams from other cities have indicated their intention of entering the contest. The firemen in several cities are already in training and the contests promise to be the most exciting and closest ever held in South Carolina.

The Sumter Fire Department and every member of it will do everything to render the stay of the visiting firemen in Sumter pleasant.

The teams of all visiting hose wagon squads will be cared for from the time they arrive at the depot until they have been loaded on the cars bound for home.

Sumter never does a thing half way, and the firemen of South and North Carolina will miss the time of their life if they do not attend the Game Cock Tournament.

The programme and prize list follows:

PROGRAMME.

Parade—Wednesday, June 25, at 10:30 a. m.

Quick Hitch Contest—Wednesday, June 25, at 3:30 p. m.

Hand Reel Race—Thursday, June 26, at 9:30 a. m.

Grab Reel Race—Immediately after the Hand Reel Race.

Hose Wagon Race—Thursday, June 26, at 4 p. m.

GRAB REEL RACE.

First prize, \$50.00

HOSE WAGON RACE.

First prize, \$200.00

Second prize, 50.00

Third prize, 25.00

QUICK HITCH CONTEST.

First prize, \$100.00

Second prize, 50.00

HAND REEL RACE.

First prize, \$300.00

Second prize, 50.00

Third prize, 25.00

A TRAGEDY OF CHILDHOOD.

Little Girl Pins a Faded Bouquet on Her Dead Playmate.

A pathetic story is told in connection with the death of Master O. P. Watt, the 12-year-old son of Mr. Clayton Watt, of the Mofettville section of the county, which occurred last week.

Several years ago, when he was not more than 7 or 8 years of age, he was playing with one of his playmates, a little girl of about his own age, he gave her a bouquet of flowers, and said to her, "Keep these, and when I am dead I want you to pin them on my coat." The words, spoken in childish jest, made a deep impression. She kept the flowers and carefully pressed them, and when the friend and playmate died last week she brought the faded bouquet and pinned them on his coat, as he had requested.

The incident was a very touching one, and the pathos and beauty of it made an ever lasting impression on those who witnessed it.—Anderson Mail.

Frank D. Pavey, of the law firm of Pavey & Moore, as counsel for the "Centro General de Comerciantes Industriales de la Isla de Cuba," has submitted a very clever argument to the Senate committee on trade relations with Cuba, taking issue with the provisions of the bill passed by the House "to provide for reciprocal trade relations with Cuba."

WU HAS HIS HAIR PULLED.

Chinese Minister Encounters a Lunatic at Milledgeville.

Milledgeville, Ga., May 29.—Minister Wu Ting Fang delivered the commencement oration yesterday to the graduating class of the Georgia Military College.

In the afternoon at the State insane asylum an inmate suddenly became seized with a mania and caught Minister Wu by the queue which was hanging down his back. It was jerked and pulled with great force, causing excruciating agony. The minister struggled wildly, and when he was freed from the crazy man's grasp he fled from the buildings and got in a carriage, demanding that he be driven back to the city at once. He was overtaken by friends and his nerves were quieted.

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Startling proof of a wonderful advance in medicine is given by druggist G. W. Roberts of Elizabeth, W. Va. An old man there had long suffered with what good doctors pronounced incurable cancer. They believed his case hopeless till he used Electric Bitters and applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which treatment completely cured him. When Electric Bitters are used to expel bilious, kidney and microbe poisons at the same time this salve exerts its matchless healing power. Blood diseases, skin eruptions, ulcers and sores vanish. Bitters 50c, Salve 25c, at J. F. W. DeLorme's.

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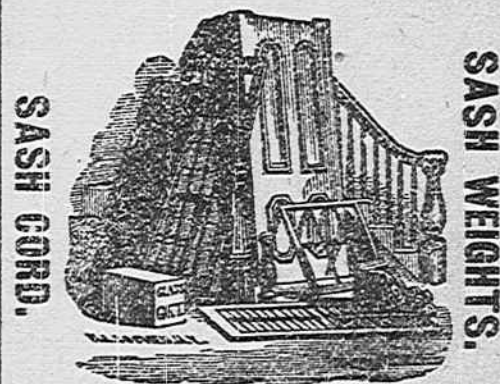
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